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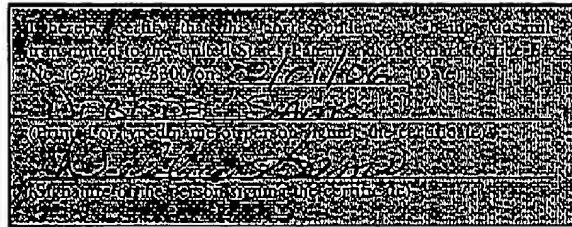
PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patrick M. Bailey  
Serial No.: 10/738,319  
Filed: December 17, 2003  
Title: CENTRALIZED CONNECTOR MODULE HAVING COMPONENT  
DIAGNOSTIC CAPABILITY, REFRIGERATION UNIT  
INCORPORATING THE SAME AND METHODS OF ASSEMBLING  
AND TROUBLESHOOTING A REFRIGERATION UNIT  
Grp./A.U.: 2858  
Examiner: Jeff William Natalini

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)**

Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated.